



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Ricardo Morales,

Defendant.

Case No. 10-282M

ORDER OF PRETRIAL DETENTION  
AFTER HEARING  
(18 U.S.C. § 3142(i))

I.

A. ( ) Upon motion of the Government in a case that involves:

1. ( ) a crime of violence or an offense listed in  
18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B), for which a  
maximum term of imprisonment of ten (10)  
years or more is prescribed; or

2. ( ) an offense for which the maximum sentence is  
life imprisonment or death; or

3. ( ) an offense for which a maximum term of  
imprisonment of ten (10) years or more is  
prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act,  
Controlled Substances Import and Export Act  
or Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act; or

1                   4.    (    ) any felony if defendant has been convicted of  
2                                   two or more offenses described in  
3                                   subparagraphs 1-3 above, or two or more state  
4                                   or local offenses that would have been  
5                                   offenses described in subparagraphs 1-3 above  
6                                   if a circumstance giving rise to federal  
7                                   jurisdiction had existed, or a combination of  
8                                   such offenses.

9                   5.    (    ) any felony that is not otherwise a crime of  
10                                   violence that involves a minor victim, or  
11                                   possession or use of a firearm or destructive  
12                                   device or any other dangerous weapon, or a  
13                                   failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250.

14       B.    Upon motion ( ✓ ) of by the Government (    ) of the Court sua  
15       sponte, in a case that involves:

16               1.    ( ✓ ) a serious risk that defendant will flee;

17               2.    (    ) a serious risk that defendant will

18                   a.    (    ) obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice;

19                           or

20                   b.    (    ) threaten, injure, or intimidate a

21                                   prospective witness or juror or attempt

22                                   to do so.

23       C.    The Government (    ) is ( ✓ ) is not entitled to a rebuttable  
24       presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will  
25       reasonably assure defendant's appearance as required and the safety of  
26       any person or the community.

II.

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- 2 A. ( ✓ ) The Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence
- 3 that no condition or combination of conditions
- 4 will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant
- 5 as required;
- 6 B. ( ✓ ) The Court finds by clear and convincing evidence
- 7 that no condition or combination of conditions
- 8 will reasonably assure the safety of any other
- 9 person and the community.
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III.

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12 The Court has considered:

- 13 A. ( ✓ ) the nature and circumstances of the offense(s) charged;
- 14 B. ( ✓ ) the weight of the evidence against defendant;
- 15 C. ( ✓ ) the history and characteristics of defendant;
- 16 D. ( ✓ ) the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person
- 17 or the community that would be posed by defendant's
- 18 release;
- 19 E. ( ✓ ) the Pretrial Services Report/Recommendation;
- 20 F. ( ✓ ) the evidence proffered/presented at the hearing;
- 21 G. ( ✓ ) the arguments of counsel.

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IV.

The Court concludes:

A. ☒ Defendant poses a risk to the safety of other persons  
and the community based on: prior Criminal  
history

B. ☒ Defendant poses a serious flight risk based on: lack of known background information &  
unreported status

C. ☐ A serious risk exists that defendant will:  
1. ☐ obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice;  
2. ☐ threaten, injure or intimidate a prospective  
witness or juror or attempt to do so;

based on: \_\_\_\_\_  
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D. ☐ Defendant has not rebutted by sufficient evidence to  
the contrary the presumption provided in 18 U.S.C.  
§ 3142(e) that no condition or combination of  
conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any  
other person and the community;

and/or

( ) Defendant has not rebutted by sufficient evidence to the contrary the presumption provided in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e) that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required.

IT IS ORDERED that defendant be detained prior to trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendant be committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement to a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or persons held in custody pending appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendant be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defendant's counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, on Order of a Court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined deliver defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

DATED: 2/11/10

  
HONORABLE JACQUELINE CHOOLJIAN  
United States Magistrate Judge